

## SWEENEY IS GUILTY

The Jury Returns a Verdict  
Being Out Two Hours.

## FOUR NEGRO THUGS ARRESTED

For Numerous Daring Jobs of Crookedness—Suits Begun and Other Court Proceedings Noted.

The trial of Joseph Sweeney, for felonious assault, was concluded in the superior court yesterday afternoon. The arguments were completed at 3 o'clock and the judge's charge was brief. The jury retired and remained out nearly two hours. When it was announced that they were ready to report, the motley crowd that filled the corridor filed into the court room. The prisoner was pale and nervous, but the announcement of the verdict, "guilty," did not seem to surprise him. He was remanded for sentence and taken to jail by officers Murphy and Stewart. All through the trial, the court room had been crowded with people of various classes, but hardened, dispirited-looking young men predominated, and these remained about the court room doors long after court had adjourned, talking over the details of the crime and the features of the trial. The alibi did not have much weight with the jury for the reason that much of the evidence on that point did not agree with that taken in the preliminary examination. Another fact that militated against this defense was the strenuous attempt of Mrs. Flynn to secure such evidence. In addition to John Workman, a number of young girls who work in a brush factory adjoining Sweeney's home were brought in to testify that he was home on the afternoon that the crime was committed. It was shown that Mrs. Flynn went to the factory and worked with the girls without receiving any pay and that she had become very intimate with them since the arrest. As a consequence, the girls were loaded with information in regard to Sweeney's presence during the afternoon and their evidence could not have been more exact if they had held a stop-watch on him all day. Sweeney's attorneys will move for a new trial and if that is denied they will appeal the case. After the trial was over one of the jurors said he would have convicted "my own brother" on such evidence as he has been listening to during the last three days. I can't see any possible chance for him."

## TWO MONSTERS ARRESTED.

Both of Them Charged With Brutal Outrages.

Last night Detectives Gates and Gast made two important arrests. The first was John Abbott, for criminal assault on eleven-year-old Anna Ponderosa. The child's father, David Ponderosa, and herself have been taking meals with Abbott's mother on Elsworth avenue. The man induced the girl into a barn at the rear of the house and there committed the outrage. Eddie Gowan caught the villain in the act. Abbott has been arrested twice before for similar offenses.

Walter Norton, has been driving the team for Tate, whose barn is located at the corner of Oak street and Elsworth avenue. The Gowan family, now living on the corner of North Ionia and Mason streets, lived on Island, between Calder and Elsworth avenue. Two small Gowan children, aged 6 and 8 years, with Eva Pennell, were playing in the street when Norton drove along. He stopped and allowed the three girls to climb upon the wagon. He went to the barn when the girls jumped off and walked toward Ball hill, when Berkey & Gay's lumber is piled. They were soon followed by Norton, who caught Eva Pennell. She tried to get away but the monster dragged her behind a lumber pile. He choked her into silence and by brute force accomplished his purpose. The girl managed to get home. She has no father, her mother is sick in bed, as was also an older sister. In the Ponderosa case a second arrest will be made today.

## TROUBLE OVER A MORTGAGE.

A Suit Begun to Declare It Inoperative and Void.

A suit was begun in the circuit court yesterday against Alonzo Palmer by Frank A. Stone, James B. Stone, Ruth P. Stone and F. May Stone to have a mortgage which the defendant holds on property in Scribner and Turner's addition set aside. The mortgage was given to secure two notes delivered by the father of the plaintiffs to John Bean in payment for the exclusive right to sell a self-filtering pump in the state of Wisconsin. The complainants allege that certain things were claimed for the pump which it could not perform. The mortgage was sold to Palmer, but it is alleged that he was fully cognizant of the details of the transaction. Previously in the courts the mortgage was set aside, but recently Palmer attempted to foreclose by advertising in the newspapers. The trick was discovered and it is charged that the mortgage be adjudged invalid.

## BURGLARS IN BLICKLEY'S.

They Secure \$1.50 and Are Frightened From the Store.

Thursday night thieves entered Blickley's crockery store, No. 33 Monroe street, by breaking a pane of glass out of a rear window. The money drawer and some loose change was scattered about the floor when the store was opened yesterday morning. Mr. Blickley thinks the burglars secured about \$1.50. In taking the till out it was dropped and it is thought the noise frightened the men away. The police think the job the work of boys.

## FOUR NEGRO ROBBERS.

The Police Arrest a Quartet of Ugly Crooks.

Four tough looking negroes were arrested by Detectives Smith and Darr yesterday afternoon as highway robbers. Three of the elvish are burly fellows, who stand over six feet high. Two are the notorious Goodwin brothers, Tom and Jim. The third is Fred Newberg, who served seven years in Ionia for manslaughter and was arrested a short time ago for disorderly conduct. The fourth is young George Helms. The Goodwin brothers were heavily armed, carrying two large revolvers and a "sawing shot." They were also provided with daggers in the way of false blades, and a lot of burglar tools. One of the jobs of the gang was the robbery of Fishback's saloon at No. 312 South Ottawa street. Newberg entered and called for a glass of beer. While the proprietor was in the act of

drawing it the other three came in and was asked by Newberg to take a drink. While Fishback was drawing the three glasses the Goodwin brothers shoved revolvers under the saloonist's nose. Then Helms and Newberg grabbed the till and tried to make their escape. Fishback grappled with the men and a struggle followed, and the German saloonist so loud that the robbers dropped the till and ran. Prior to this the same gang visited the house of Westollia Gansvoort, on North street, near the west city limits, and held up four men and a woman. The men were terrified and readily submitted, but the woman stood out against them. She was forced to give up \$12 and then attempted to escape, but was caught and brought back, when another sum was taken from her. Gansvoort reported the desperadoes to the police and on the descriptions given the detectives caught the quartet. Newberg has confessed, and says that the raid on Fishback's place was planned two weeks ago.

## Divorce for the Dummies.

A bill for divorce was filed in the superior court yesterday by Ada M. Dible who asks for a dissolution of her marriage with Edgar C. Dible. In accordance with the practice of the superior court the bill is suppressed until the case is given a hearing in open court. The defendant is the well known clerk at the Morton house and the case is understood by the friends of the parties.

## James Pays His Fine.

James Roe, who was sentenced twenty days ago to pay \$100 fine for keeping his saloon open after hours, thought he would prefer to spend the alternate of ninety days in jail. He spent twenty days, but found it wasn't such a snap as he contemplated. Yesterday he paid his fine.

## Petty Police Items.

Pat Griffin paid a fine of \$4.85 for disorderly conduct in police court yesterday. He applied a few opprobrious epithets to Patrolman McCarthy. The trial of David R. Waters and William J. Sproat on the charge of criminal libel was adjourned until January 11 in police court yesterday.

## Suit in Ejectment.

Maggie Landis has begun suit against Lemna Beebe and Alanson Beebe in the circuit court. She wants the defendants ejected from possession of the southeast quarter of section 18, Byron township.

## Sued by Fence Builders.

J. M. Johnston and Wm. Caulfield have begun suit against the Kent County Fair association to collect their bill for building the fence around the race track.

## LAW AND LAWYERS.

## Circuit Court—Part I

## JUDGE GROVE.

John J. Nardid and Peter Nardin vs. Wm. Clark; assumption; verdict for \$1.02 and costs.

David Brown vs. the Valley City street and cable railway company; trespass on the case; continued without costs.

The People vs. Barney Spencer; information for embezzlement; defendant arraigned; plea guilty.

Virginia Bartlett vs. Wm. E. Lamb; assumption; on trial.

## Circuit Court—Part II.

## JUDGE ADRI.

Jacob B. Sax vs. Frank W. Curtis; Frank E. Brown and John Schler; in chambers; on trial.

John H. Poisson vs. Michael G. McCarthy; trespass on the case; proceedings stayed 20 days.

## Superior Court.

## JUDGE BURLINGAME.

The People vs. Joseph Sweeney; felonious assault; trial resumed; verdict guilty; respondent remanded for sentence.

## THE BASKING SHARK.

A Specimen Thirty-Four Feet Long Stranded in New Zealand.

The "basking shark" (Selache maxima, L.) is apparently no very uncommon visitor in New Zealand waters. In the new volume of the transactions and proceedings of the New Zealand Institute, Mr. T. F. Cheeseman, curator of the Auckland museum, describes a specimen, over thirty-four feet long, which was stranded near the mouth of the Waikato river. Mr. E. H. Shakespear, of Whangapara, who saw the specimen very shortly after it was stranded, has informed Mr. Cheeseman that every spring several individuals of the same species can be seen near the entrance of the Waikato river, and along the shores of Whangapara peninsula. He believes that they visit these localities in search of their food, which he thinks is composed of small Medusae and other pelagic organisms. They can be easily recognized from their habit of swimming on the surface of the water, a portion of the back and the huge dorsal fin being usually exposed. It is from this circumstance, taken with the fact that their motions are very slow and sluggish, that they have received the name of the "basking shark." They are easily approached and harpooned, and on the west coast of Ireland as many as five hundred have been taken in a single season. The liver often weighs as much as two tons, yielding six to eight barrels of oil.

## The Originator of a Crime.

A man has just died in England who was personally associated with events that gave to the language a new word—the verb to burke. Dr. Wharton Jones, now dead in his eighty-fourth year, was assistant in 1827 to Sir William Ferguson, of Edinburgh. In that year an old pensioner died in the house of a man named Hare, owing him some four pounds sterling. At Hare's instance a man named Burke sold the body for dissection, receiving seven pounds ten shillings. Then Hare and Burke committed a shocking series of murders for the sake of disposing of the bodies. They were found out, and the physicians were suspected. The Lancet reproduces some of Burke's confession, declaring that the doctors had not "in-

concealed him, either taught nor incited him to murder any person, neither that worthy gentleman, Mr. Ferguson, was the only man that ever mentioned anything about the bodies." So "burking" came into use to designate killing from pecuniary motives, and later was extended figuratively to embrace political assaults upon character.

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